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CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 06-04

**TO:** ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)  
PROGRAM PROVIDERS AND MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

**SUBJECT:** ADDITION OF MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA, AND VARICELLA  
(MMRV) VACCINE AS A CHDP BENEFIT, REPORTING CODES,  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR VACCINE ADMINISTRATION, AND UPDATED  
CHDP VACCINE BENEFIT AND REIMBURSEMENT TABLE

The purpose of this Provider Information Notice (PIN) is to inform you that the combination vaccine, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV), has been added as a CHDP program benefit.

This Information Notice provides the new CHDP administration code and billing and reimbursement information. An updated CHDP vaccine benefit and reimbursement table is enclosed that includes the addition of this new vaccine. A Vaccines for Children (VFC) Provider Letter is enclosed that contains information on the vaccine.

MMRV is a combined attenuated live virus vaccine containing measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella viruses. MMRV is indicated for children age 12 months to 12 years. MMRV can be given instead of the first dose of MMR and varicella vaccines. MMRV should not be administered for the second dose of MMR except when a dose of varicella vaccine is also indicated or if no MMR is available at the time the second dose of MMR is indicated.

**MMRV as a CHDP Program Benefit**

Effective March 1, 2006, CHDP will reimburse providers for the administration fee of MMRV vaccine to CHDP eligible children, 12 months through 18 years 11 months; the vaccine will be provided at no charge by the VFC Program for these children. The CHDP vaccine code is 74 and has the reimbursement rate of \$9.00 for the administration fee. MMRV is not available for purchase.

Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV) Vaccine	74	VFC	12 months thru 18 years 11 months	\$9.00
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Code 74 is payable for two doses. The interval between doses, if for any reason a second dose is given, should be at least three months. **Note: The Medi-Cal Provider Bulletin (April) indicating an interval of 28 days was incorrect.** MMRV has been added to the Vaccine Codes and Rates Table found in the rates max CHDP section of the CHDP Provider Manual. **Please note: The Table in the Manual contains an incorrect footnote for MMRV. MMRV is not recommended for infants less than one year of age in an outbreak or for international travel. Only Measles Vaccine or MMR is recommended for infants less than one year of age for these extenuating circumstances. The Table will be corrected. The enclosed Vaccine Codes and Rates Table with this Notice is correct.**

**Reminder:**

All CHDP program providers actively involved with immunized children must participate in the VFC Program, which provides vaccines at no cost to the provider for eligible children up to eighteen years eleven months. The CHDP Program reimburses only the immunization administration fee for VFC covered vaccines.

**Billing Instructions for MMRV**

Please use the following instructions for billing for MMRV. Refer to the CHDP Provider Manual for additional information.

- Enter the CHDP Code number, 74, and MMRV on a blank line, under the immunization section of the PM 160 Confidential Screening/Billing Report.
- Enter a check mark in only one of the Immunization Outcome Columns (A or B) of the PM 160, as appropriate.
- Enter the administration fee in the Fees Column (Note: fees do not apply on the "Information Only" PM 160).

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- If you have administered MMRV on or after March 1, 2006, and prior to this notice, you are entitled to reimbursement for the administration of this vaccine. Please submit a PM 160 for the \$9.00 administration fee if you have not been previously reimbursed for the vaccine by any source.

**CHDP Vaccine Benefits and Reimbursement Table**

An updated CHDP Vaccine Benefit and Reimbursement Table is enclosed; it is dated May 1, 2006. The table includes the MMRV code and reimbursement rate.

Your continuing participation in the CHDP Program is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about CHDP vaccine benefits or other CHDP issues, please contact your local CHDP program office.

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